Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

OCTOBER 25, 2026 REFORMATION SUNDAY/BAPTISM 10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: ***"Be kind to your neighbor until you think they might make you a part of their inheritance."*** *Islamic Proverb*

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE Elder Jeff Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE: **"Have Thine Own Way"** *arr. D. Bish*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Elder Jeff Taylor

One: O God,
who alone can probe the depths of the heart,
you hear the prayer of the humble
and justify the repentant sinner.

All: ***Grant us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbor.***
We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn: #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Elder Jeff Taylor

Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake;
Yet, we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone,
and we have wandered from your pathway.
As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God,
We praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
And to rise daily to new life in Christ,
And in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Elder Jeff Taylor

***Sung response: #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Baptism of Carter and Lilah Cozzo by their Great Uncle Rev. Robert Johnson, Senior Pastor, Hixson Presbyterian Church in Hixson, Tennessee

Children will be dismissed to Sunday School following the baptism of Carter and Lilah.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:
All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear also these words from Holy Scripture:

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

On behalf of the session,
I present Carter and Lilah, children of Tyler and Rachel, to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Tyler and Rachel, do you desire that Carter and Lilah be baptized?

I do.

Do you love God
and do you promise to do your best to live the way that God wants you to live?

I do.

Jenna and Elias, Melody and Ryan,
Do you promise, through prayer and example,
to support and encourage Carter and Lilah to be faithful Christians?

I do.

Congregation:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Carter and Lilah by word and deed, with love and prayer,
encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?
The people respond:

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established.
In that covenant God gives us new life;
we are guarded from evil and nurtured by the love of God and God's people.
In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

I ask you, therefore, to reject sin,
to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,
and to confess the faith of the church,
the faith in which we baptize.

RENUNCIATIONS

Do you trust God with all of your heart
do you and promise to do your best not to sin
and to live as a good person, the way that Jesus taught us to live?

I do.

Do you love God's son Jesus
Do you know that he loves you too and do you promise to trust him
to make you the best person you can be?

I do.

Will you follow Jesus and listen to what he teaches us in the Bible
so that you can be a loving and caring person to the people you meet every day?

I will, with God's help.

PROFESSION

With the whole church, let us stand and confess our faith.

*If you are able, please stand..

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

All May sit

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Eternal God, . . .To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,
be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Carter, Lilah, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer

O Lord, uphold Carter and Lilah by your Holy Spirit.
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Welcome:
Through their baptism, Carter and Lilah have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. God has made them members of the household of God,
to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Pastoral Letter: **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8** (NT pg. 191) Elder Jeff Taylor

Gospel: **Matthew 22:34-46** (NT pg.24) Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.
All: ***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON Rev. Chris Scrivens

***HYMN: #729** **"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MOMENT FOR MISSION **Stewardship & Finance** Susan Johnson

CALL FOR THE OFFERING – Elder Jeff Taylor

OFFERTORY: **"All Creatures of Our God and King"** *arr. Tucker*
Chancel Choir with Congregation participation

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708** **"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Elder Jeff Taylor

PRAYER REQUESTS Rev. Chris Scrivens

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*) Rev. Chris Scrivens

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN: #37** **"Let All Things Now Living"**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Chris Scrivens

CHORAL RESPONSE

**Please rise in body or in Spirit.*

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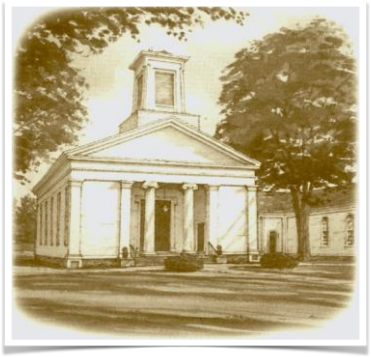
Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Minister:	Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant:	Elder Jeff Taylor
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Ushers:	Kent Haggas, Rick Adey
Fellowship & Refreshments	Dawn and Matt Siegrist

Welcome to our Worship Service! Our regular congregants are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors they don't know and then introduce them to the congregation. Everyone is invited to join us in fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Center following the worship service this morning.

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